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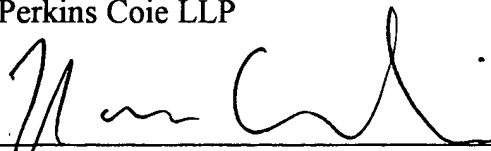
At the time the final Office Action was mailed, claims 1-4 and 6-47 were pending. Claims 1, 17, 25, 29 and 35-47 have been cancelled from the application. Claims 18 and 30 have been amended to be in independent form and accordingly have not been narrowed in scope. Claims 2, 4, 6, 9-16, 21 and 24 have been amended to depend from claim 18. Claims 26-28, 31 and 33 have been amended to depend from claim 30. Accordingly, claims 2-4, 6-16, 18-24, 26-28 and 30-34 are now pending in the present application.

In the final Office Action mailed January 15, 2002, claims 18 and 30 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the claims from which they depend. The remaining claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 on the basis of two or more of the following U.S. Patents: 5,287,245 to Lucente et al.; 6,104,604 to Anderson et al.; 6,108,716 to Kimura et al.; and 6,205,201 to Klein et al. Of the remaining claims, claims 1, 17, 25, 29 and 35-47 have been cancelled and accordingly the rejection of these claims is now moot. The rest of the remaining claims have been amended to depend from allowable claim 18 or allowable claim 30.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, requests reconsideration of the application and an allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner notices any informalities in the claims, he is also encouraged to contact John M. Wechkin to expediently correct any such informalities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix (Marked-up version of claims)

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Appendix – Claims
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2. (Amended) The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said base has at least one infrared device for receiving infrared signals.

4. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein the recess is sized to receive both the lower surface and the at least one side surface of said removable wireless keyboard.

6. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard includes a pointing device.

9. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said signal interface includes a hardwired connection.

10. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said signal interface includes an infrared connection.

11. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said signal interface includes a radio frequency connection.

12. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard further includes an infrared transducer.

13. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim 18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard includes at least one infrared device for at least transmitting infrared signals.

14. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim ~~17~~18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has at least first, second, and third sides perpendicular to said upper and lower surfaces, and at least first and second infrared devices for at least transmitting infrared signals, said first and second infrared devices located on at least two of said first, second, and third sides of said removable wireless keyboard.

15. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim ~~17~~18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard includes a radio frequency transmitter and said base includes a radio frequency receiver.

16. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim ~~17~~18, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has a first mating connector and said base has a second mating connector, wherein said first mating connector and said second mating connector provide a hardwired connection when said removable wireless keyboard is mounted into said base.

18. (Twice Amended) ~~The A portable personal computer, of claim 17~~
comprising:

a base having a controller for controlling operations thereof, said base having a recess;

a display attached to said base; and

a removable wireless keyboard for communicating with said controller in said base through a signal interface when mounted into said base or through a wireless connection when removed from said base, said keyboard having an upper surface, a lower surface and at least one side surface with at least one of the lower surface and the at least one side surface being received in said recess when said keyboard is mounted in said base, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has a power supply independent of said base, and, wherein said power supply includes an external alternating current power adapter.

19. (Amended) The portable personal computer of claim ~~17~~18, wherein said power supply ~~comprises~~includes at least one battery.

21. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim ~~1~~18, further comprising at least one retaining device for securing said removable wireless keyboard to said base.

24. (Twice Amended) The portable personal computer of claim ~~1~~18, further comprising an ejector mechanism for removing said removable wireless keyboard when said removable wireless keyboard is mounted in said base.

26. (Amended) The input device of claim ~~25~~30, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has at least one infrared device for at least transmitting infrared signals.

27. (Amended) The input device of claim ~~25~~30, wherein said removable wireless input device has an upper surface and a lower surface, and at least first, second, and third sides perpendicular to said upper and lower surfaces, and at least first and second infrared devices for at least transmitting infrared signals, said first and second infrared devices located on at least two of said first, second, and third sides of said removable wireless input device.

28. (Amended) The input device of claim ~~25~~30, wherein said removable wireless input device has a first mating connector and said base has a second mating connector, wherein said first mating connector and said second mating connector provide a hardwired connection when said removable wireless input device is mounted into said base.

30. (Twice Amended) ~~The~~ An input device of claim 29 for a portable personal computer, comprising a removable wireless keyboard capable of being mounted within a base of a portable computer for communicating with said portable computer through a hardwired interlocking connection when mounted within said base, or through a wireless connection when removed from said base, wherein said removable wireless keyboard has a power supply independent of said computer, and wherein said power supply includes an external alternating current power adapter source.

31. (Amended) The input device of claim 2930, wherein said power supply ~~comprises~~includes at least one battery.

33. (Amended) The input device of claim 2530, further comprising at least one retaining device for securing said removable wireless input device to said computer.